

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the second paragraph on page 1 of the specification with the following paragraph:

This application claims the benefit under 35 U.S.C. 119(e) of United States provisional patent application number 60/411,321 filed September 17, 2002 entitled Double Acting Load Floor Slam Latch the entire specification of which is incorporated by reference.

Please replace the first full paragraph on page 9 of the specification with the following paragraph:

~~FIGs~~ FIGs. 7-9 show the handle 2 of the latch 1. The handle 2 features a handle actuator 9 which pivots or rotates with the handle 2 and contacts an interior face 25 of the main pawl 4. As the main pawl 4 is pushed toward the rear of the housing 3 during movement of the handle 2 the main pawl 4 can be biased against a biasing means (~~not shown~~). The biasing means can be a spiral spring 14 mounted on a projection on a rear wall of the housing 3.